

House Resolution No. 4625

Whereas, it is with tremendous pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their diverse daily endeavors in order to offer a sincere welcome to esteemed visitors to the Show-Me State; and

Whereas, Art Wood of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and two of his colleagues will travel to Missouri to participate in the grand hunting tradition associated with the pursuit of deer during the fall when the weather turns cooler and the leaves of the trees display autumnal coloration; and

Whereas, Art Wood has attained a notable milestone in his relationship to the state of Missouri, since this year's trip will be the tenth consecutive deer season in which he has hunted; and

Whereas, the Friday night before the opening of firearms season will witness Art Wood and his cohorts preparing Cajun Jambalaya over the campfire for a group of intrepid and hungry souls who will number anywhere from fifty to one hundred; and

Whereas, the variable weather for which Missouri is justifiably famous has given Art Wood the opportunity to engage in this fine culinary tradition during freezing rain and snow and during beautiful starlight on a warm, sixty degree evening; and

Whereas, although Art Wood is a serious hunter, he places most importance on the friendships and camping experiences which he has garnered during the past decade; and

Whereas, Art Wood and his two companions from Louisiana have had years of exceptional luck when each has taken a deer and times when fortune did not smile on them at all and none shot a deer; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives expresses its desire that Art Wood and his fellow travelers have a safe 859-mile journey to and from Missouri and that all will fill their tags in the spirit of comradeship and sportsmanship as experienced outdoorsmen:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to welcome Art Wood to central Missouri to try his hand at deer hunting in the Ozarks for the tenth consecutive year and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations for the successes he has enjoyed and our best wishes for productive hunts for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Art Wood of Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Offered by _____
Representative David Pearce
District No. 121

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4625, adopted November 12, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker